

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Carl Pressler, age 31 of Omaha, entered a plea of guilty to receiving child pornography. The Honorable Laurie A. Smith Camp deferred acceptance of the plea and plea agreement pending review of a presentence report. Judge Smith Camp scheduled sentencing for January 4, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

On October 24, 2008, an investigator with the Nebraska State Patrol was using an undercover computer conducting a peer-to-peer investigation. The investigator was attempting to locate individuals using file-sharing programs to facilitate the receipt and distribution of child pornography. After connecting with Pressler's computer, the investigator observed eleven movie videos of child pornography available on Pressler's shared file folder. The investigator confirmed that one or more videos of child pornography were present by beginning a download.

On January 23, 2009, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a search warrant on Pressler's home. Forensic analysis of the computer taken from the home confirmed the presence of multiple videos of child pornography. Pressler's plea agreement with the United States involved a plea of guilty to receiving child pornography. Receipt of child pornography carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years. The plea agreement, if accepted by the Court at sentencing, requires a sentence of sixty months imprisonment to be followed by a five-year term of supervised release.

Name of Defendant: Carl J. Pressler

AKA:

Age: 31

City of residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is

presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt of Child Pornography; not less than 5 and up to 20 yrs or imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, both such imprisonment and fine; not less than 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 24th day of October, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: Self-surrendered on July 7, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: June 16, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: July 7, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled on October 13, 2009

Sentencing Date: January 4, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Sentencing scheduled on January 4, 2010

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie A. Smith Camp

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